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Replicative RNA-based amplification/detection systems

Abstract

This invention relates to the use of functional reporter molecules in the detection and measurement of nucleic acid sequences in a sample, as a determination, for example, of pathogenic disease existence or potential. The invention is predicated on the utilization of a transcription step between the production of an appropriate ***reporter molecule*** and replication based amplification in order to increase the number of detectable species as an indirect reference to target nucleic acid sequence.

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